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FOR: PROTECTIVE FILM FOR FPD,

VAPOR DEPOSITED MATERIAL FOR PROTECTIVE FILM AND ITS PRODUCTION METHOD, FPD, AND MANUFACTURING DEVICE FOR FPD PROTECTIVE FILM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified Divisional Application of U.S. Application No. 09/901,908 as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 11 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.